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MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

October 14, 1997

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at 200 South Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas. Board members present: Dewayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Mary K. Isaacs, Jeff Francell.

Staff members present: Stuart Strong, Peter Marsh, Diana Marquez, Mary Ybarbo.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 23, 1997, were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Jose Quintero, President of Greater East Austin Neighborhood Association asked the board to vote in favor of the new location for the activity center.

Mike Librik, Bicycle Advisory Council Facilities Committee asked about the status of the Johnson Creek Trail improvements at Winstead and Enfield.

Tommy Eden, Chair, Facilities Committee Bicycle Advisory Council, inquired about the bicycle lanes on park roads in Zilker Park and the gate at Austin Nature Center.

Robert Donley, President of East Town Lake Citizens Association spoke against the proposed activity center. Elisa Rendo asked that her time be given to Mr. Donley.

Robert Mendoza spoke in favor of the proposed new location for the activity center.

Ray Ramirez spoke in favor of the proposed new location for the activity center.

Lori Renteria, Secretary for United East Austin Coalition, spoke in support of the GEAYL proposal.

Sabino Renteria, President of United East Austin Coalition spoke in support of the GEAYL proposal.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Water Reclamation Initiative

Chris Guzman, project manager with the Water and Wastewater Utility informed the board that reclaimed water is a new water supply created by reusing wastewater. Presently the South Austin Regional Wastewater plant is using reclaimed water to irrigate Jimmy Clay Golf Course and the present project is to focus on getting the Morris Williams Golf Course irrigated the same way. Reclaimed water will

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help conserve the current water supply in Austin. It is a cost-effective way to expand the city's water supply for non-drinking water purposes. The quality of reclaimed water will be continuously monitored to ensure public health and safety. The City plans to exceed the strict treatment requirements as set by the state for reclaimed water. Funding comes from the CIP program.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding the Location of a Youth Activity Center in East Austin

Mary K. Isaacs made a motion to accept the secondary location for the center. Erma Linda Cruz-Torres seconded. The vote to accept was 4-1 (Cruz-Torres, Isaacs, Francell, Castleberry) (Naumann)

Make a Recommendation to Council Regarding the use Agreement at Northeast Park/Coloy Park Loyola Lane Improvements

Peter Marsh informed the board the Public Works Department is proposing to widen Loyola Lane from Ed Bluestein Blvd. to Decker Lane. The proposed widening will require the use of narrow strips of parkland along the frontage of Northeast District Park and Colony Park. Land and Facilities recommends this request. Mary K. Isaacs made a motion to approve staff recommendation. Dewayne Naumann seconded. The vote to approve was 5-0 (Cruz-Torres, Francell, Castleberry, Isaacs, Naumann).

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs Committee will meet October 20 at noon.

Land and Facilities Committee will begin meeting every week for a series of public hearings to receive input on the Special Events Policy. A task force will be formed to include parks board members, neighborhood people and event coordinators. A final report will be presented to Council as an official policy and for implementation by the department.

Concession Committee will give a presentation at the next board meeting.

H. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dewayne Naumann asked staff to prepare an update on the status of Dittmar Lane.

I. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.